

New small breed easy to manage

Charlie and Linda Cox have established Roseclaren Borans, a stud specialising in one of Australia's newest small breeds, at their 80 hectare property 10 minutes south of Noosa on the Sunshine Coast, Qld.

After much research Charlie identified the Boran as a terrific breed for the needs of small farmers, particularly in Queensland.

"It seems to be a trend in Australia that people are pouring out of the cities looking for a better lifestyle," says Charlie. "We really felt there was a market here for people with little cattle experience but who wanted to run a small herd on a small acreage. We looked for low maintenance cattle which would be particularly suited

to the Queensland environment.

"We have really found it in the Boran breed and have now built up a herd of about 80 of these cattle, 40 of which are breeders. Having come from the tropical areas of Africa the Boran has a well developed resistance to parasites both external and internal.

Their fabulous resistance is shown by the fact that we have five year old cattle here on the property and have never drenched or sprayed for ticks. The cattle are in good condition and fat.

"The only annual maintenance we have to give here in Queensland is one ear tag for buffalo fly," says Charlie.

Borans are an ancient cattle breed. They were highly



Boran cattle are one of Australia's newest small breeds of cattle from the tropical areas of Africa.



The good temperament and easy management traits of Boran cattle appealed to Charlie Cox.

prized by the Masai Tribal people of Africa due to their incredible hardiness and versatility. Kenyan ranchers recognised them as the best indigenous beef animal in East Africa and so the Boran became the dominant breed in the region.

A team from CSIRO in Rockhampton, led by Dr John Frisch, recognised the value of introducing a tropically adapted breed into Australia that was unrelated to the Brahman. From their re-

search, they identified the Borans as having the characteristics required.

It is their wonderful temperament that separates them from other tropical breeds. Borans are both horned (small horns) and polled (no horns).

"I have been breeding stock most of my life and found Borans to be by far the easiest of all to manage. Unlike most other breeds, they seem to enjoy contact with humans," says Charlie. ■

"A NEW BREED" Small African Boran Cattle

"Tick resistant Pet Cows"
No more Sprays or Poisons!



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